# MINUTES OF MEETING State Board of Education November 15, 2006

The November meeting of the State Board of Education was held in the State Board Room, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines. The following Board members were present: Gene Vincent, Rosie Hussey, Charles Edwards, Sister Jude Fitzpatrick, Brian Gentry (telephonically), Wayne Kobberdahl, and Mary Jean Montgomery. Board members absent were Jackie Dout, John Jessen and Max Phillips. Director Judy Jeffrey and Department staff Lee Tack, Gail Sullivan, Carol Greta, Jeff Berger, Jan Friedel, Pam Pfitzenmaier, Kathi Slaughter, Jeremy Varner, Arlie Willems and Beverlee Adams were also present. Others present were: Brenda Welburn, National Association of State Boards of Education; Dwayne Ferguson, Legislative Services Agency; Jim Carlson; Sally Frudden; Joy Corning; Rosemary Gerkin, Jill Uhlenberg, Betty Fan, Bill Callahan, University of Northern Iowa; Judi Cunningham and Nancy Sebring, Des Moines Independent School District; Daniel H. Smith, School Administrators of Iowa; Dr. David Salyer, Loras College; Sheena Dooley, Quad City Times; Myan Hawkins, Des Moines Register; Rod Boshart, Cedar Rapids Gazette; Richard Lee, WHO Radio; and Dan Gearino, Lee Newspapers.

President Vincent called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Rosie Hussey moved approval of the agenda with the Operating Guidelines tabled until a future meeting. Sister Jude Fitzpatrick seconded.

# 2006 Annual Condition of Education Report

Judy Jeffrey, Director, reviewed the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Condition of Education Report. She indicated this report included a vast amount of information about lowa's education system from prekindergarten through high school, including information about enrollments, programs, student performance, staff and finance. This document serves as a resource for educators, legislators and citizens seeking information about lowa's education system.

President Gene Vincent left the meeting and was connected telephonically.

Vice President Rosie Hussey presided as Chair of the State Board meeting at this point.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Director Report**

Director Judy Jeffrey reported on the following items:

- Congratulations to student Board member, John Jessen who was named an AP National Scholar as a junior.
- Accolades for Dr. Lee Tack for his outstanding work both statewide and nationally.
- Blue Ribbon Schools recognized by U.S. Department of Education were: Adel-DeSoto-Minburn Jr. High School, Corning Elementary School, Peet Jr. High School in Cedar Falls, and Waterville Elementary School in Allamakee.
- The Transition process for the Governor-Elect.
- The Pay for Performance Commission work.
- Her trip to Taiwan and visit with the lowa teachers working there.
- The Empowerment Board has endorsed the Board's legislative early childhood proposal.
- A joint task force hosted by the State Board and the Board of Educational Examiners to discuss teacher shortages. This group would be comprised of persons from various education groups. The initial meeting is proposed for January 31, 2007.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the September 14, 2006 and October 19, 2006 State Board meeting were approved.

# Requests for Nonpublic School Accreditation

The St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School was approved to add 8<sup>th</sup> grade and the Dubuque Lutheran School was approved to expand accreditation from kindergarten through grade 5 from the previous accreditation through grade 4. The Sacred Heart School in Spencer

was also approved to expand their accreditation from Pre-K through grade 6 from the previous accreditation of K-6.

#### Rules

281, Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 62, "Educational Improvement Projects," were approved for rescission.

281, Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 17, "Open Enrollment," were approved for adoption.

# **Loras College-Practitioner Preparation Program**

Arlie Willems, Administrative Consultant, Practitioner Preparation provided information on the Loras College practitioner preparation site visit review conducted on March 12-16, 2006. She also introduced Dr. David Salyer from Loras College. Willems indicated that team members reviewed documents and interviewed faculty, staff, administrators, students and practitioners affiliated with the Loras program. The following six standard areas were examined: Governance and Resources, Diversity, Faculty Performance and Development, Clinical Practice, Assessment of Candidate Knowledge, and Assessment of the Program. The strengths and concerns of the individual standard areas were discussed and she recommended that the Board approve the Loras College practitioner preparation program, including the new graduate program, through the next state visit cycle scheduled for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mary Jean Montgomery and seconded by Sister Jude Fitzpatrick that the Loras Practitioner Preparation program be approved as recommended.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

## **Breaking Barriers to Learning and Teaching Awards**

Director Judy Jeffrey, President Gene Vincent, Vice President Rosie Hussey, Mary Jean Montgomery, Wayne Kobberdahl, and Sister Jude Fitzpatrick presented the Breaking Barriers to Learning and Teaching Awards. The purpose of the Breaking Barrier Awards is to recognize districts that have made significant, measurable improvement in achievement gaps. The following were the 2005-06 recipients: Waukee, Wapello, Norwalk, Anamosa, Wayne, Marshalltown, and Sioux City school districts.

All lowa accredited districts are eligible for the award. There are no nominations; awards are based on annual achievement data submitted by districts to the DE as part of their NCLB reporting.

# National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)—Early Childhood Study Committee Update

Dr. Sally Frudden, former State Board member, reviewed the early childhood study released from NASBE. She had participated as a member of the National Association of State Boards of Education study group on creating high-quality early learning environments. This group recently released their report "Fulfilling the Promise of Preschool," which Board members will be receiving in their next NASBE packet.

Frudden discussed the following areas of the report:

- Rationale for Early Childhood Education
- Defining Quality
- Creating a State Early Learning System
- Developing a Quality Early Childhood Education Workforce
- The State Policymakers' Early Childhood Checklist
- Financing Early Education Programs

Board members have identified early childhood education as one of the priorities for the 2007 legislative advocacy agenda and expressed appreciation to Dr. Frudden for providing information that will be helpful in promoting their quest for early childhood education in lowa.

#### **Board Reports**

<u>Sister Jude Fitzpatrick</u> reported she had attended an Iowa Association of School Boards District meeting in Ames and the Iowa Post High School Coordinating Council meeting in Grinnell at which the University of Graceland provided an excellent presentation.

Fitzpatrick said the Iowa Institute for Tomorrow's Workforce Systems Performance Advisory Workgroup meeting had been delayed until December 1.

<u>Wayne Kobberdahl</u> said he had attended the October 26 I-JAG meeting held at East High School in Des Moines. The national I-JAG CEO from Washington, D.C., presented as well as several students from the I-JAG program. Lt. Governor Sally Pedersen was also honored for her work in the program.

Kobberdahl also participated in the Healthy Children's Task Force meeting relating to physical health and nutrition. Recommendations from this task force will be submitted to the Governor and legislature. He indicated that Director Jeffrey and Pam Pfitzenmaier also served on the Task Force.

<u>Mary Jean Montgomery</u> reviewed the activities at the Wallace Grant meeting held in St. Louis in November. Director Judy Jeffrey and Administrator Pam Pfitzenmaier were also in attendance.

Montgomery noted that a compensation package would be recommended to the IPTV Board in December.

She said she would be visiting on November 18 with Carol Bradley, Board of Regents, regarding work on Articulation of K-12 to K-16.

Finally, Ms. Montgomery indicated that the Retreat Planning Committee would be holding a telephonic meeting in late November to continue planning for the 2007 State Board Retreat.

A list of proposed topics for the December State Board meeting was handed out.

Vice President Rosie Hussey adjourned the meeting.

# **WORK SESSION: Creating a Smooth Transition**

Brenda Welburn, Executive Director, National Association of State Boards of Education, was present to discuss Creating a Smooth Transition with changes in state government.

## **State Board Legislative Advocacy**

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Rosie Hussey	Judy A. Jeffrey, Director and	
President Pro Tem	Executive Director	

The 2007 Legislative Advocacy Brochure was handed out